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<u>REMARKS</u>

By the present correction, claims 17-20 and 22-26 have been presented with the

"withdrawn" identifier.

Claims 1-4, 9-10, 17-20, and 22-28 are pending in the application. Claim 1 is the only

independent claim. Claims 17-20 and 22-26 have been withdrawn from consideration as directed

to a non-elected species.

Reference is made to the remarks in the Amendment of February 2, 2006. Further, it is

submitted that claim 1 remains generic. Accordingly, examination of claims 17-20 and 22-26 is

respectfully requested.

In the event there is, in the Examiner's opinion, any outstanding issue and such issue may

be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact

the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition

for an appropriate extension of the response period. Please charge the fee for such extension and

any other fees which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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